

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-01898-RCL**

CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/15/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/15/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5117694) filed by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons Attorney General)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
09/15/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY (Smith, Peter) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
09/15/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zsb) (Entered: 09/15/2017)
09/15/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Form)(zsb) (Entered: 09/15/2017)

		09/15/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/19/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/19/2017. (Smith, Peter) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
10/05/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/25/2017. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Return Receipt)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 10/05/2017)
10/05/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 10/2/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Letter from Dep't of State)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 10/05/2017)
10/19/2017	<u>7</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR..... MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendant's Answer or Other Response to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Adebonojo, Kenneth) Modified on 10/20/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 10/19/2017)
10/19/2017	<u>8</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer <i>Errata</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Motion for Extension of Time)(Adebonojo, Kenneth) Modified event title on 10/20/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 10/19/2017)
11/02/2017	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A-E)(Adebonojo, Kenneth) Modified to add link on 11/3/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 11/02/2017)
12/22/2017	<u>10</u>	WITHDRAWN PURSUANT TO NOTICE FILED 2/16/2018.....MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) Modified on 2/20/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 12/22/2017)
01/08/2018	<u>11</u>	First MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 01/08/2018)
01/08/2018	<u>12</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> First MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings</i> filed by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Smith, Peter) (Entered: 01/08/2018)
01/17/2018	<u>13</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>10</u> MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 01/17/2018)
01/24/2018	<u>14</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>10</u> MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Status Report in Case 17-770)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 01/24/2018)
02/06/2018	<u>15</u>	WITHDRAWN PURSUANT TO NOTICE FILED 2/16/2018..... MOTION for Hearing re <u>10</u> MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings <i>or for Status Hearing</i> by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) Modified on 2/20/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/16/2018	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Peter C. Pfaffenroth on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 02/16/2018)
02/16/2018	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>10</u> MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings , <u>15</u> MOTION for Hearing re <u>10</u> MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings <i>or for Status Hearing (Joint notice of withdrawal by the parties, combined with joint status report and motion for order)</i> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 02/16/2018)
02/16/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint MOTION for Order , <i>combined with Joint Status Report and Notice of Withdrawal of Plaintiff's Pending Motions</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 02/16/2018)

02/16/2018	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (See Docket Entry <u>17</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 02/20/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>20</u>	ORDER granting <u>8</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ORDERED that the Defendants' motion is hereby GRANTED, Nunc Pro Tunc. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 5/14/18. (nbn) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>21</u>	ORDER granting <u>18</u> Motion for Order. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 5/14/18. (znbn) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018	<u>22</u>	ORDER granting <u>11</u> Motion for Extension of Time to. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 5/14/18. (nbn) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
02/05/2019	<u>23</u>	ORDER requesting joint status report and proposed schedule within ten (10) days. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 2/5/2019. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report and Proposed Schedule due by 2/15/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/15/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/15/2019	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>26</u>	ORDERED that the parties submit a further Joint Status Report by 3/15/2019, nunc pro tunc. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/9/2018. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>27</u>	ORDERED that the parties submit a further Joint Status Report by 4/12/2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/9/2019. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/12/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/12/2019	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/17/2019	<u>29</u>	ORDER requesting status report by 5/31/2019. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/17/2019. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 04/17/2019)
04/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/31/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
08/28/2019	<u>31</u>	ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 9/26/2019 if the parties have not yet by then filed a stipulation of dismissal. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/28/2019. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 08/28/2019)
10/01/2019	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 10/01/2019)